

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1685
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FORMATION OF RAILWAY ZONES/DIVISIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have fixed any norms/guidelines for formation of Railway Division;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have accorded sanction for formation of any Railway division contrary to the norms /guidelines on formation of Railway Divisions;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, division-wise;
- (e) whether the Railways are considering the long pending demand of Kerala for a new railway zone including other States; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): As per the Railway Reforms Committee and Advisors' Committee set up for the purpose, new zones and divisions are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other operating/administrative requirement etc. consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency without any regional considerations.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): No, Madam.
- (f): Does not arise.